



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/678,170  
Filing Date: October 6, 2003  
Applicant: David J. KROPACZEK et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2123  
Examiner: Craig M. Dwin  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING  
RECOVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FROM A FUEL  
POOL  
Attorney Docket: 8564-000042/US

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**October 20, 2006**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.

	<b>Independent Claims</b>	<b>Total Claims</b>
<b>Claims Previously Paid For</b>	5	34
<b>Current Claims after Amendment</b>	3	30
<b>Excess Claims</b>	0	0

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